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Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 90 and sub-items (a) and (b) (see A/59/488). Action on the item was taken at the 31st and 40th meetings on 10 November and 16 December 2004. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is given in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/59/SR.31 and A/C.2/59/SR.40).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.28 and A/C.2/59/L.63

2. At the 31st meeting, on 10 November 2004, the representative of Qatar, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution, under sub-item (b) entitled "Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (A/C.2/59/L.28). The draft resolution read as follows:

> "*The General Assembly*,
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> "*Recalling* its resolutions 44/211 of 22 December 1989, 47/199 of 22 December 1992, 50/120 of 20 December 1995, 52/203 of 18 December 1997, 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 53/192 of 15 December 1998 and 56/201 of 21 December 2001, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 2002/29 of 25 July 2002 and 2003/3 of 11 July 2003, and other relevant resolutions,

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"*Reaffirming* the importance of the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide policy orientations for the development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations system,

"*Recalling* the role of the Economic and Social Council in providing coordination and guidance to the United Nations system to ensure that those policy orientations are implemented on a system-wide basis in accordance with Assembly resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993, 50/227 of 24 May 1996 and 57/270 B of 23 June 2003,

"*Recalling also* the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000 and major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, and their importance for international development cooperation, in particular for the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

"*Reiterating* that developing countries are responsible for their own development processes, and in this context stressing the responsibility of the international community, in partnership, to assist developing countries in their national development efforts,

"*Recognizing* that new technologies present an opportunity to accelerate development, especially in developing countries, and the need to ensure that the access to such technologies is even, adequate, non-discriminatory and not politically motivated,

"*Reaffirming* the need to ensure, in a coherent and timely manner, the full implementation of all the elements of its resolutions 44/211, 47/199, 50/120, 53/192, 56/201 and the parts relevant to operational activities for development of its resolution 52/12 B, which should be considered an integral part of the present resolution,

"*Reiterating* the importance of the development of national capacities as a central goal of the development cooperation of the United Nations system,

"I. Introduction

"1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

"2. *Reaffirming* that the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations system should be, inter alia, their universal, voluntary and grant nature, their neutrality and their multilateralism, as well as their ability to respond to the development needs of developing countries in a flexible manner, and that the operational activities of the United Nations system are carried out for the benefit of recipient countries, at the request of those countries and in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development;

"3. *Emphasizes* that the operational activities for development of the United Nations system should be valued and assessed on the basis of their impact on the recipient countries as contributions to enhance their capacity to pursue poverty eradication, sustained economic growth and sustainable

development, and should translate into national terms the development agenda emerging from the Millennium Declaration and major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;

"4. *Recognizes* that the real purpose of reform is to make the United Nations development system more efficient and effective in achieving the internationally agreed development goals, on the basis of the priorities of the recipient countries, and that efforts should be strengthened in further shifting the focus of reforms from process to results;

"5. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to (a) continue their efforts to respond to national development plans, policies and priorities, which constitute the only viable frame of reference for programming their operational activities at the country level, (b) align their operational strategic approaches, including through the common country assessments and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, with national development strategies and national poverty reduction strategies, where they exist, and (c) pursue the full integration of the operational activities for development at the country level with national planning and programming, under the ownership, and leadership and with the agreement of the national Government, while ensuring the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders at the national level at all stages of this process; and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on this issue before the next triennial comprehensive policy review;

"II. Funding for operational activities for development of the United Nations system

"6. *Expresses concern* that the focus of funding patterns of operational activities continues to shift from long-term development orientation towards temporary and short-term humanitarian activities, and urges donor countries to enhance their contributions to core resources for development;

"7. *Reiterates its call upon* all developed countries to take concrete steps towards reaching the target of providing official development assistance at the level of 0.7 per cent of gross national product as soon as possible, requests all donor countries and countries in a position to do so to substantially increase their contributions to the organizations of the United Nations system on a multi-year basis, particularly to their non-earmarked resource budgets, and in that context urges developed countries that have not done so to make concrete efforts towards reaching the target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product as official development assistance to developing countries and 0.15 to 0.20 per cent of gross national product to least developed countries;

"8. *Invites* the governing bodies of all organizations of the United Nations development system to address systematically the funding of their operational activities, and calls upon all member States of those organizations to explore, where appropriate, additional sources of financial support and alternative funding modalities so as to secure the critical mass of resources, in particular non-earmarked ones, required to ensure adequate functioning and the pursuit of long-term objectives identified as internationally agreed development goals, including targets established at the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

"9. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, at its operational activities segment, to undertake on a regular basis a comprehensive review of the trends and perspectives in funding for the development cooperation of the United Nations system, comparing it with other forms of multilateral development cooperation;

"10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to explore various funding options for increasing financing for operational activities and to examine ways to enhance the predictability, long-term stability, reliability and adequacy of funding for the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including through the identification of possible new funding mechanisms, such as assessed contributions, negotiated pledges and voluntary contributions, while preserving the advantages of the current funding modalities, and submit a report to the General Assembly through the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in 2005;

"III. Capacity-building

"11. *Calls upon* United Nations organizations to provide further support to the efforts of developing countries to establish and/or maintain effective national planning institutions, and support the implementation and, as necessary, the devising of national strategies for capacity-building in their pursuit of internationally agreed development goals;

"12. *Also calls upon* United Nations organizations to adopt measures which ensure sustainability in capacity-building activities, by enhancing and further developing programme execution modalities so as to maximize support for national capacity development;

"13. *Stresses* that developing countries, in order to meet internationally agreed development goals, including Millennium Development Goals, should have access to new and emerging technologies, which requires technology transfer, technical cooperation and the building and nurturing of a scientific and technological capacity to participate in the development and adaptation of these technologies to local conditions, and in this regard urges Member States and the United Nations system, including funds, programmes and agencies, to ensure the promotion and transfer of new and emerging technologies in developing countries through their planning instruments;

"IV. Transaction costs and efficiency

"14. *Invites* all the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system actively involved in development cooperation activities and their respective management, to adopt harmonization and simplification measures, such as streamlining procedures, avoiding duplication and waste, alleviating the burden of reporting requirements and reducing transaction costs of operational activities for development, with a view to achieving a significant reduction in the administrative and procedural burden on the organizations and their national partners that derives from the preparation and implementation of operational activities;

"15. *Calls upon* the organizations of the United Nations system to make significant progress in such areas as decentralization, delegation of authority, delivery and financial regulations, flexible use and allocation of personnel and sharing of services and premises, so as to make the country-level functioning of the United Nations development system more efficient and effective;

"V. Coherence, effectiveness and relevance of operational activities for development

"16. *Takes note* of the progress made by the United Nations system in the context of an improved functioning of the resident coordinator system, as well as through mechanisms such as the Common Country Assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, to achieve greater country-level programmatic coherence within the system and through their impact on teamwork among the organizations of the system, particularly those represented at the country level;

"17. *Highlights* that, in spite of this progress, the participation of the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations development system in country-level operational activities for development and field-level coordination mechanisms is still uneven and, for some organizations, inadequate, and in this context calls upon the United Nations system to improve coordination by mobilizing and using its expertise in support of country-level operational activities for development at the request of national authorities;

"18. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system to undertake a determined effort for a more inclusive approach in promoting inter-agency collaboration, at both the country and the headquarters levels, and requests the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Group, to take the necessary steps to secure a more participatory involvement of the United Nations development system in country-level operations and their coordination mechanisms, as well as to ensure a more active inclusion of those organizations that have no country offices;

"19. *Urges* the United Nations system to enhance the effectiveness of its operational activities for development, including through further financial, organizational and technical support for the resident coordinator system, and strongly recommends that the United Nations system draw from the accumulated experience available within the system in all pertinent economic, social, environmental and other technical domains, including such areas as employment, economic management, knowledge-sharing and transfer of technology, rural development, human settlements and urbanization, and trade, especially in those cases where these domains are crucial to the development of the recipient country, facilitating the access of developing countries to the services available within the system on the basis of its comparative advantages and expertise;

"20. *Stresses* that funding for the strengthening of the United Nations field presence should be additional to programmed resources for recipient countries;

"21. *Requests*, in that regard, a more comprehensive system-wide involvement of all organizations of the United Nations system in the overall effort to support developing countries through a better use of the contribution of specialized agencies, regional commissions and other United Nations agencies, including those with no country representation or limited country-level presence, ensuring that the Common Country Assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework respond to the development plan and strategies of the country concerned and facilitate the fuller use of capacities available within the system as a whole on the basis of its comparative advantages, while maintaining the strategic select orientations of those instruments, without prejudice to those contributions that the country may need from highly specialized technical interventions and that may not find adequate definition in system-wide coordination mechanisms;

"22. *Calls upon* all the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations development system to adhere to national execution modalities;

"VI. Country-level capacity of the United Nations system

"23. *Reiterates* the principle, as contained in resolutions 44/211 and 47/199, that the country-level presence of the United Nations system should be tailored to the specific development needs of recipient countries, as required by their country programmes, and that the range and quantity of skills and expertise assembled by the United Nations system at the country level, under the team leadership of the resident coordinator, including through system-wide knowledge networks and communities of practice, should correspond to the technical backstopping and capacity-building needs and requirements of the developing countries;

"24. *Requests* the United Nations organizations of the development system, while considering means to strengthen their country-level capacities, focusing on the specific development needs of recipient countries, to avoid taking over responsibilities of other Secretariat departments, inter alia, the Department of Public Information, which could weaken operational capacities;

"25. *Invites* United Nations organizations of the development system to consider means to strengthen their country-level capacities, including through complementary measures at their headquarters;

"VII. Evaluation of operational activities for development

"26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to assess the effectiveness of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including in particular by assessing the effective use of all capacities available to provide a comprehensive and flexible response to developing countries' demand for development support, and further requests him to report on the results of this assessment in the context of the next triennial policy review at its sixty-second session;

"27. *Recognizes* the need to optimize the linking of evaluation to performance in the achievement of developmental goals, and encourages the United Nations development system to strengthen its evaluation activities with particular focus on development results, including through the effective use of

the United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrix, the systematic use of monitoring and evaluation approaches at the system-wide level and the promotion of joint and/or collaborative approaches to the evaluation, and further encourages the United Nations Evaluation Group, under the aegis of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to make further progress in system-wide collaboration on evaluation;

"28. *Requests* the United Nations development system to conduct evaluations of its operations at the country level, in close consultation with national Governments, and, for this purpose, to assist Governments in the development of national evaluation capacities, through, inter alia, better use of lessons learned from past activities at the country level, recognizing that national Governments have primary responsibility in coordinating and evaluating external assistance, including that from the United Nations system;

"29. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session evaluating the activities of the United Nations funds and programmes and the implementation of their mandates with a view to, inter alia:

"(a) Avoiding duplication of mandates and activities among themselves as well as with other United Nations institutions, in order to preserve the long-term development orientation of the United Nations funds and programmes, in accordance with their original mandates in all operational activities, including in situations of transition from relief to development;

"(b) Avoiding the evolution of their functions beyond their original mandate without the prior approval of the General Assembly;

"VIII. Regional dimensions

"30. *Calls upon* the organizations of the United Nations development system, the regional commissions and other regional entities, as appropriate, to intensify their cooperation and adopt more collaborative approaches to support country-level development initiatives at the request of recipient countries, including through closer collaboration within the resident coordinator system and improving mechanisms for access to the technical capacities of the United Nations system at the regional and subregional levels;

"31. *Invites* the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations development system to give greater and more systematic consideration to the regional dimensions of development cooperation and to promote measures for more intensive inter-agency collaboration at the regional and subregional levels, facilitating inter-country exchanges of experience and promoting both intraregional and interregional cooperation, as appropriate;

"IX. South-South cooperation and development of national capacities

"32. *Recommends* that South-South cooperation be considered a driver of development effectiveness and be incorporated in the multi-year funding frameworks of all United Nations funds and programmes;

"33. *Urges* Member States and the organizations of the United Nations development system to celebrate the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation in a befitting and comprehensive manner every year;

"34. *Emphasizes* the need to mobilize additional resources for enhancing South-South cooperation, including through triangular cooperation;

"35. *Urges* organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to mainstream, in their programmes and through their country-level activities and country offices, modalities to support South-South cooperation that would promote the identification and dissemination of best practices, promote indigenous knowledge, know-how and technology in the South and facilitate networking among experts and institutions in developing countries;

"36. *Encourages*, in this regard, United Nations funds and programmes to contribute to the periodic updating of the Web of Information for Development electronic databank operated by the United Nations Development Programme Special Unit on South-South Cooperation, in coordination with Governments, allowing for the wide diffusion of and access to the information contained therein, including experiences, best practices and potential partners in South-South cooperation;

"37. *Highlights* that, in spite of progress achieved in this area, further efforts are required to better understand the approaches and potential of national capacity development through South-South cooperation as a core objective of the development cooperation of the United Nations system, and calls upon all the organizations of the system to maximize their support for national capacity development in the context of South-South cooperation;

"X. Gender

"38. *Calls upon* all organizations of the United Nations system to articulate specific country-level goals and targets to be pursued in accordance with the national development strategies and within their organizational mandates to achieve gender equality and gender mainstreaming in their country programmes, planning instruments and sector-wide programmes;

"39. *Urges* all organizations of the system to collaborate with the resident coordinator system to provide gender specialist resources, in support of gender mainstreaming in country-level activities in all sectors where they operate, working closely with relevant national counterparts, in generating quantitative and qualitative information required to produce better analysis of gender-related issues of development;

"40. *Encourages* the continuing efforts to improve the gender balance in appointments within the United Nations system at the headquarters and the country level in positions that affect operational activities with due regard to representation of women from developing countries and keeping in mind the principle of equitable geographic representation;

"XI. Transition from relief to development

"41. *Recognizes* that the United Nations development system has a vital role to play in situations of transition from relief to development, and, given

the complexity of challenges that countries in those circumstances face, requests the organizations of the system to take the necessary measures to strengthen interdepartmental and inter-agency coordination to promote an integrated approach which takes account of the country-specific character of those challenges, within a coherent, coordinated and harmonized inter-agency assistance at the country level;

"42. *Stresses* in this regard the need for such transitional activities to be undertaken under national ownership through the development of national capacities at all levels to manage the transition process;

"43. *Recommends* the development of South-South cooperation modalities, including triangular cooperation modalities, to assist the transition from relief to development through, inter alia, the use of information technologies and knowledge management systems, as well as exchange of expertise, to enable countries in that situation to benefit from the experience of other developing countries;

"44. *Urges* Member States to consider more coordinated and flexible approaches to funding operational activities for development in situations of transition from relief to development, making use of multiple resource mobilization instruments, stresses the need for adequacy and timeliness of the resource availability in the recovery phase, and further stresses that contributions to humanitarian assistance and other short-term funding requirements in transition situations should not be provided at the expense of development assistance but through additional funding efforts that meet the requirements of recovery and reconstruction;

"XII. Follow-up

"45. *Reaffirms* that the governing bodies of the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system should take appropriate actions for the full implementation of the present resolution, in line with paragraphs 91 and 92 of resolution 56/201;

"46. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 2005, on an appropriate management process, containing clear guidelines, targets, benchmarks and time frames for the full implementation of the present resolution;

"47. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, during the operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2006, to examine the operational activities of the United Nations system in order to evaluate the implementation of the present resolution with a view to ensuring its full implementation;

"48. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive analysis of the implementation of the present resolution in the context of the triennial policy review, and to make appropriate recommendations."

3. At the 40th meeting, on 16 December 2004, the Rapporteur of the Committee introduced a draft resolution under sub-item (b) entitled "Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (A/C.2/59/L.63), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.28.

4. At the same meeting, the Rapporteur orally revised the text as follows:

(a) In the sixth preambular paragraph and in operative paragraphs 14, 26, 49 and 51, the words "Millennium Development Goals" were replaced with the acronym "MDGs" with a footnote in each instance to read: "The internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration";

(b) In operative paragraph 19, at the end of the paragraph, after the words "the targets and goals", a footnote was inserted, to read "From operative paragraph 42 of the Monterrey Consensus".

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.63 (see para. 9) as orally amended.

6. At the same meeting, the representatives of Cuba, France, Qatar, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, the Netherlands, on behalf of the European Union, and the United States of America made statements.

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.63, draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.28 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

B. Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

8. At the 40th meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Second Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft decision (see para. 10).

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

A. Draft resolution

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 44/211 of 22 December 1989, 47/199 of 22 December 1992, 50/120 of 20 December 1995, 52/203 of 18 December 1997, 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 53/192 of 15 December 1998 and 56/201 of 21 December 2001, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 2002/29 of 25 July 2002, 2003/3 of 11 July 2003 and 2004/5 of 12 July 2004, and other relevant resolutions,

"*Reaffirming* the importance of the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide policy orientations for the development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations system,

"*Recalling* the role of the Economic and Social Council in providing coordination and guidance to the United Nations system to ensure that those policy orientations are implemented on a system-wide basis in accordance with Assembly resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993, 50/227 of 24 May 1996 and 57/270 B of 23 June 2003,

"*Recalling also* the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000,[1] including the development and poverty eradication goals contained therein, and further recalling the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, Mexico,[2] and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg, South Africa,[3] and other major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, and their importance for international development cooperation, in particular for the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

"*Noting*, in this context, the activities of the United Nations funds and programmes aimed at providing technical assistance to recipient countries, in response to their national economic and social needs and priorities, including poverty eradication and the promotion of all human rights, including the right to development, for achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable

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[1] See resolution 55/2.

[2] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), annex.

[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum).

development in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and recent United Nations conferences, and stressing the need for those activities to be undertaken at the request of interested recipient Governments strictly within the respective mandates of the United Nations funds and programmes, which should receive increased contributions from donor countries,

"*Recognizing* that the transition from relief to development represents a complex challenge as regards the universal achievement of the MDGs,[4]

"*Reiterating* that developing countries are responsible for their own development processes, and in this context stressing the responsibility of the international community, in partnership, to assist developing countries in their national development efforts,

"*Recognizing* that the United Nations development system should take into account the specific needs and requirements of the countries with economies in transition and other recipient countries,

"*Recognizing also* that new technologies, including information and communication technologies, present an opportunity to accelerate development, especially in developing countries, and noting that the access to those technologies is uneven and that a digital divide still prevails,

"*Reaffirming* the need to ensure, in a coherent and timely manner, the full implementation of all the elements of its resolutions 44/211, 47/199, 50/120, 53/192 and 56/201 and the parts relevant to operational activities for development of its resolution 52/12 B, which should be considered an integral part of the present resolution,

"*Reiterating* the importance of the development of national capacities to eradicate poverty and pursue sustained economic growth and sustainable development as a central goal of the development cooperation of the United Nations system,

"*Recognizing* that new trends in development assistance, including sector-wide approaches and budget support, pose challenges to the United Nations, and stressing that the United Nations has a role to play to assist developing countries to manage the new aid modalities,

"*Noting* the advances that the United Nations development system is making in the area of coordination, including in the implementation of resolution 56/201,

"*Encouraging* the governing bodies of United Nations agencies, funds and programmes to ensure that gender perspectives are integrated into all aspects of their monitoring functions in relation to policies and strategies, medium-term plans, multi-year funding frameworks and operational activities, including those relating to the implementation of the Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

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[4] The internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration.

"I. Introduction

"1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;[5]

"2. *Reaffirms* that the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations system should be, inter alia, their universal, voluntary and grant nature, their neutrality and their multilateralism, as well as their ability to respond to the development needs of recipient countries in a flexible manner, and that the operational activities of the United Nations system are carried out for the benefit of recipient countries, at the request of those countries and in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development;

"3. *Urges* all Member States to pursue the full implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, and recognizes the positive contribution that these can make in providing direction to the operational activities of the United Nations system in accordance with national development efforts and priorities;

"4. *Recognizes* that the strength of the United Nations operational system lies in its legitimacy at the country level as a neutral, objective and trusted partner for both recipient countries and donor countries;

"5. *Stresses* that national Governments have the primary responsibility for their countries' development, and recognizes the importance of national ownership of development programmes;

"6. *Emphasizes* that recipient Governments have the primary responsibility for coordinating, on the basis of national strategies and priorities, all types of external assistance, including that provided by multilateral organizations, in order to integrate effectively such assistance into their development process;

"7. *Emphasizes* that the operational activities for development of the United Nations system should be valued and assessed on the basis of their impact on the recipient countries as contributions to enhance their capacity to pursue poverty eradication, sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

"8. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system to highlight best practices, where these can inform national efforts to implement policies that promote sustained economic growth and sustainable development, inter alia, through the rule of law and the strengthening of effective, efficient, transparent and accountable systems for mobilizing resources;

"9. *Decides* that, with the agreement of the host country, the United Nations development system should assist national Governments in creating an enabling environment in which the links between national Governments, the United Nations development system, civil society, national non-governmental organizations and the private sector that are involved in the development

[5] A/59/84-E/2004/53, A/59/85-E/2004/68, A/59/386 and A/59/387.

process are strengthened, with a view to seeking new and innovative solutions to development problems in accordance with national policies and priorities;

"10. *Stresses* that the purpose of reform is to make the United Nations development system more efficient and effective in its support to developing countries to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, on the basis of their national development strategies, and stresses also that reform efforts should enhance organizational efficiency and achieve concrete development results;

"11. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to continue their efforts to respond to national development plans, policies and priorities, which constitute the only viable frame of reference for programming their operational activities at the country level, and to pursue full integration of the operational activities for development at the country-level with national planning and programming, under the leadership of national Governments, at all stages of the process, while ensuring the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders at the national level;

"12. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Secretary-General, through the members of the United Nations Development Group and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, as appropriate, to enhance the coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations development system at the country level;

"13. *Recognizes* that strengthening the role and capacity of the United Nations development system to assist countries in achieving their development goals requires continuing improvement in its effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and impact, along with a significant increase in resources and an expansion of its resource base on a continued, more predictable and assured basis;

"II. Funding for operational activities for development of the United Nations system

"14. *Emphasizes* that increasing the financial contributions to the United Nations development system is key to achieving the MDGs,[6] and in this regard recognizes the mutually reinforcing links between increased effectiveness, efficiency and coherence of the United Nations development system, achieving concrete results in assisting developing countries to eradicate poverty and achieve sustained economic growth and sustainable development through operational activities for development and the overall resourcing of the United Nations development system;

"15. *Emphasizes* that funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system should focus on long-term development challenges based on national development strategies;

"16. *Notes with concern* that the United Nations development system has not benefited commensurately from recent increases in official development

[6] The internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration.

assistance, despite the additional tasks entrusted to the United Nations system in the implementation and follow-up of internationally agreed goals;

"17. *Stresses* that core resources, because of their untied nature, continue to be the bedrock of the United Nations system's operational activities, and in this regard notes with appreciation that core contributions to United Nations funds and programmes have begun to increase again over the last three years;

"18. *Calls upon* donor countries and other countries in a position to do so to substantially increase their contributions to the core/regular budgets of the United Nations development system, in particular the funds and programmes, and wherever possible, to contribute on a multi-year basis;

"19. *Urges* developed countries that have not yet done so to make concrete efforts towards the target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product as official development assistance to developing countries and 0.15 to 0.20 per cent of gross national product of developed countries to least developed countries, as reconfirmed at the Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries, encourages developing countries to build on progress achieved in ensuring that official development assistance is used effectively to help achieve development goals and targets, acknowledges the efforts of all donors, commends those donors whose official development assistance contributions exceed, reach or are increasing towards the targets, and underlines the importance of undertaking to examine the means and time frames for achieving the targets and goals;[7]

"20. *Notes* the increase in non-core resources as a mechanism to supplement the means of operational activities for development, contributing to an increase in total resources, while recognizing that non-core resources are not a substitute for core resources and that unearmarked contributions are vital for the coherence and harmonization of the operational activities of the United Nations system;

"21. *Invites* the governing bodies of all organizations of the United Nations development system to address systematically the funding of their operational activities and to explore, within the context of their multi-year planning and related financial frameworks, where appropriate, additional sources of financial support and alternative funding modalities so as to secure, on a predictable, continuous and sustained basis, the critical mass of resources required to ensure adequate functioning and pursuit of long-term development objectives;

"22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve his annual statistical compendium to the operational activities segment of the Economic and Social Council by adding a multi-year perspective, fully incorporating available information and statistics;

"23. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to undertake triennially, as of 2006, a comprehensive review of trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation;

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[7] From operative paragraph 42 of the Monterrey Consensus.

"24. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to explore various funding options for increasing financing for operational activities and to examine ways to enhance the predictability, long-term stability, reliability and adequacy of funding for the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including through the identification of possible new funding sources, as a follow-up to his report[8] while preserving the advantages of the current funding modalities, and to submit a report to the General Assembly through the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in 2005;

"25. *Recognizes* the urgent and specific needs of low-income countries, in particular the least developed countries, and stresses the need to continue to assist those countries through the existing institutions and funding mechanisms of the United Nations development system;

"III. Capacity-building

"26. *Recognizes* that capacity development and ownership of national development strategies are essential for the achievement of the MDGs,[9] and calls upon United Nations organizations to provide further support to the efforts of developing countries to establish and/or maintain effective national institutions and to support the implementation and, as necessary, the devising of national strategies for capacity-building;

"27. *Urges* all organizations of the United Nations development system to intensify inter-agency information-sharing at the system-wide level on good practices and experiences gained, results achieved, benchmarks and indicators, monitoring and evaluation criteria concerning their capacity-building activities;

"28. *Encourages* all organizations of the United Nations development system to include reporting on their capacity-building activities in their annual reports to their respective governing bodies;

"29. *Requests* the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination to analyse the capacity development efforts of the United Nations development system and to make recommendations on measures necessary to enhance their effectiveness, including through the improvement of the assessment and measurement of results;

"30. *Calls upon* United Nations organizations to further strengthen the capacity of developing countries to better utilize the various aid modalities, including system-wide approaches and budget support;

"31. *Also calls upon* United Nations organizations to adopt measures that ensure sustainability in capacity-building activities, and reiterates that the United Nations development system should use, to the fullest extent possible, national execution and available national expertise and technologies as the norm in the implementation of operational activities;

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[8] A/59/387.

[9] The internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration.

"32. *Stresses* that developing countries, in order to meet the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, should have access to new and emerging technologies, including information and communication technologies, which requires technology transfer, technical cooperation and the building and nurturing of scientific and technological capacity to participate in the development and adaptation of these technologies to local conditions, and in this regard urges Member States and the United Nations system to ensure the promotion and transfer of new and emerging technologies to developing countries;

"33. *Encourages* the United Nations development system to support the national development strategies and plans of countries with economies in transition that face continuing difficulties in economic and social development, specifically to assist them in addressing the challenges of achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration;

"IV. Transaction costs and efficiency

"34. *Invites* the governing bodies of all organizations of the United Nations system actively involved in development cooperation activities and their respective management to adopt harmonization and simplification measures, with a view to achieving a significant reduction in the administrative and procedural burden on the organizations and their national partners that derives from the preparation and implementation of operational activities;

"35. *Notes* the progress achieved in the area of simplification and harmonization as defined in section VI of resolution 56/201, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Group, and calls upon the funds, programmes and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system to continue to implement the simplification and harmonization agenda by taking further steps to enhance and ensure the sustainability of that process;

"36. *Requests* the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to examine ways to further simplify their rules and procedures and, in this context, to accord the issue of simplification and harmonization high priority and to take concrete steps, in the following areas: rationalization of country presence through common premises and co-location of members of United Nations country teams; implementation of the joint office model; common shared support services, including security, information technology, telecommunications, travel, banking and administrative and financial procedures, including for procurement; harmonization of the principles of cost recovery policies, including that of full cost recovery; alignment of the regional technical support structures and regional bureaux at headquarters level, including their regional coverage; and to take further simplification and harmonization measures;

"37. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in full consultation with all members of the United Nations Development Group, through the Executive Committee of the Development Group, to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session in 2005, a programme of work for the full

implementation of the above-mentioned actions, to be completed before the end of 2007, including benchmarks, responsibilities, provisions to phase out redundant rules and procedures, as well as a timetable to monitor the progress made towards meeting these targets;

"38. *Invites* the executive boards and governing bodies of the funds, programmes and the specialized agencies regularly to assess the progress achieved in the area of simplification and harmonization of rules and procedures;

"39. *Requests* the funds and programmes to provide, in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council, specific information on the progress achieved in implementing the above-mentioned agenda;

"40. *Requests* the United Nations Development Group to consult regularly with the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on all activities undertaken to implement the above;

"V. Coherence, effectiveness and relevance of operational activities for development

"A
Common country assessment/United Nations Development Assistance Framework

"41. *Requests* the United Nations system to conduct the Common Country Assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework processes as efforts to improve the support for national development priorities and policies, and stresses that full governmental ownership, participation and leadership is required at all stages of those processes;

"42. *Welcomes* the efforts made so far by the United Nations system in the context of an improved functioning of the resident coordinator system, including through the Common Country Assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, in order to achieve greater country-level programmatic coherence within the system and to foster teamwork among the organizations of the system, in particular those represented at the country level;

"43. *Recognizes* that, in spite of these efforts, participation of the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations development system in country-level operational activities for development and coordination mechanisms still differs in level, quality and intensity, and that for some organizations it is inadequate, and in this context calls upon the United Nations development system to improve its country-level coordination so as to optimize its support to national development efforts, at the request of national authorities;

"44. *Calls* on the United Nations system to draw from its accumulated experience in all pertinent economic, social and other domains and to facilitate the access of developing countries to the services available within the system on the basis of its comparative advantages and expertise;

"45. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system to foster an inclusive approach in promoting inter-agency collaboration, both at the country and headquarters levels, and requests the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Group, to take the necessary steps to secure a more participatory involvement of the United Nations development system in the country-level operations and their coordination mechanisms, including through promotion, decentralization, the delegation of authority and multi-year programming, which will facilitate their participation in country-level coordination mechanisms;

"46. *Stresses* the importance of the common country assessment as the common analytical tool of the United Nations system at the country level, including the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other United Nations agencies with no country representation or limited country-level presence, which should contribute their accumulated analytical and normative experience so as to enable the use of all capacities available within the United Nations system;

"47. *Notes* the progress made by the United Nations operational system in developing and using the common country assessment and stresses that the formulation of the assessment is meant to be short, light, and flexible;

"48. *Underlines* the complementarity of the common country assessment to other analytical processes, and urges all funds, programmes and agencies to avoid duplication by utilizing, to the maximum extent possible, the common country assessment as their own country-level analytical tool;

"49. *Reiterates* that the ownership of national authorities and their full participation in the preparation and development of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework are key to guaranteeing that it responds to the national development plans and poverty reduction strategies of the countries concerned, and requests the Secretary-General to develop the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and its results matrix where applicable, as the common programming tool for country-level contributions of the funds and programmes towards achieving the MDGs,[10] to be fully endorsed and counter-signed by the national authorities;

"50. *Notes* the potential of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and its results matrix, as the collective, coherent and integrated programming and monitoring framework for the operations of the United Nations development system at the country level, bringing increased opportunities for joint initiatives, including joint programming, and urges the United Nations development system to fully utilize such opportunities in the interest of enhancing aid efficiency and aid effectiveness;

"51. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Executive Committee of the United Nations Development Group, in consultation with the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to ensure that United Nations Development Group agencies with multi-year programmes as well as the entities of the Secretariat that carry on operational activities in

[10] The internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration.

pursuit of the MDGs,[11] fully align their respective programming and monitoring with the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, as well as take further steps to harmonize their programming cycles and to synchronize them as far as possible with the national programming instruments, in particular the national poverty reduction strategies, including poverty reduction strategy papers, where they exist;

"52. *Invites* the United Nations system and the Bretton Woods institutions, to explore further ways to enhance cooperation, collaboration and coordination, including through the greater harmonization of strategic frameworks, instruments, modalities and partnership arrangements, in full accordance with the priorities of the recipient governments, and in this regard emphasizes the importance of ensuring, under the leadership of national authorities, greater consistency between the strategic frameworks developed by the United Nations funds and programmes, agencies and the Bretton Woods institutions, while maintaining the institutional integrity and organizational mandates of each organization and the national poverty reduction strategies, including poverty reduction strategy papers where they exist;

"B

Resident coordinator system and United Nations country teams

"53. *Reaffirms* that the resident coordinator system, within the framework of national ownership, has a key role to play in the effective and efficient functioning of the United Nations system at the country level, including in the formulation of the common country assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and is a key instrument for the efficient and effective coordination of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and requests the United Nations system, including the funds and programmes, the specialized agencies and the Secretariat, to enhance support to the resident coordinator system;

"54. *Urges* the United Nations system to provide further financial, technical and organizational support for the resident coordinator system, and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the members of the United Nations Development Group to ensure that resident coordinators have the necessary resources to fulfil their role effectively;

"55. *Welcomes* the improvements in the selection process and training of the resident coordinators, and urges the members of the Executive Committee of the United Nations Development Group, in full consultation with the members of the Development Group, to develop a procedure for the common assessment of the performance of resident coordinators by all members of the United Nations country teams;

"56. *Notes* that coordination activities, while beneficial, represent transaction costs that are borne by both recipient countries and the organizations of the United Nations system, and emphasizes the need for their continuous evaluation and for an analysis and assessment of costs compared

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with the total programme expenditures for operational activities for development in order to ensure maximum efficiency and feasibility;

"57. *Reaffirms* that the system-wide utilization of advanced information and communication technologies by the United Nations system could contribute to enhanced information-sharing and knowledge management, resulting in more effective delivery of development cooperation by the United Nations system, and encourages United Nations organizations to intensify their efforts to expand the use of information and communication technologies and to further harmonize their information technology platforms;

"58. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in full consultation with all agencies of the United Nations Development Group and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, as appropriate, to develop, by the end of 2005, a comprehensive accountability framework for resident coordinators to exercise oversight of the design and implementation of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, in a fully participatory manner, in support and under the leadership of national governments;

"59. *Underscores* that the resident coordinator system is owned by the United Nations development system as a whole and that its functioning should be participatory, collegial and accountable;

"60. *Also underscores* that the management of the resident coordinator system continues to be firmly anchored in the United Nations Development Programme, while recognizing that many resident coordinators, especially in countries with large country teams, complex coordination situations or in situations of complex emergencies, lack the capacity to address equally well all tasks inherent to their functions, and in this regard requests that in such cases the United Nations Development Programme appoint, within the existing programming arrangement, a country director to run its core activities, including fund-raising, so as to assure that resident coordinators are fully available for their tasks;

"61. *Requests* that, when raising funds, resident coordinators concentrate on raising funds for the whole of the United Nations at the country level;

"VI. Country-level capacity of the United Nations system

"62. *Reaffirms* the principle, as contained in resolutions 44/211 and 47/199, that the country-level presence of the United Nations system should be tailored to meet the specific development needs of recipient countries, as required by their country programmes;

"63. *Emphasizes* the need for the range and level of skills and expertise assembled by the United Nations system at the country level to be commensurate with that needed to deliver on the priorities specified in each country's United Nations Development Assistance Framework, in line with the national development strategies and plans, including poverty reduction strategy papers, where they exist, and to correspond to the technical backstopping and capacity-building needs and requirements of the developing countries;

"64. *Stresses* the principle that no core function of the Secretariat can be outsourced to operational bodies, in particular at the field level, without proper financial compensation;

"65. *Invites* the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations development system to consider means to strengthen their country-level capacities, including through complementary measures at their headquarters;

"VII. Evaluation of operational activities for development

"66. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to assess the effectiveness of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including, in particular, by assessing the effective use of all capacities available to provide a comprehensive and flexible response to the demand of developing countries for development support, and to report on the results of this assessment in the context of the next triennial policy review at its sixty-second session;

"67. *Reaffirms* that the effectiveness of operational activities should be assessed by their impact on the poverty eradication efforts, economic growth and sustainable development of recipient countries;

"68. *Underlines* that future assessments of the effectiveness of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system should make full use of the data and expertise available within the system and from national authorities in full collaboration with national stakeholders and United Nations entities;

"69. *Recognizes* the need to optimize the linking of evaluation to performance in the achievement of developmental goals, and encourages the United Nations development system to strengthen its evaluation activities, with particular focus on development results, including through the effective use of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrix, the systematic use of monitoring and evaluation approaches at the system-wide level and the promotion of collaborative approaches to the evaluation, including joint evaluations, and further encourages the United Nations Evaluation Group, under the aegis of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to make further progress in system-wide collaboration on evaluation, in particular harmonization and simplification of methodologies, norms, standards and cycles of evaluation;

"70. *Strongly encourages* country-level evaluations of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework at the end of the programming cycle, based on the Fund's results matrix, with full participation and leadership of the recipient government;

"71. *Recognizes* that national governments have primary responsibility for coordinating external assistance, including that from the United Nations system, and evaluating its impact in contributing to national priorities;

"72. *Requests* the United Nations development system to conduct evaluations of its operations at the country level, in close consultation with national governments, and in this context stresses the need to assist

governments in the development of national evaluation capacities, through, inter alia, better use of lessons learned from past activities at the country level;

"73. *Requests* the United Nations development system to consider, where appropriate, applying lessons learned in the course of monitoring and evaluation to programming processes;

"74. *Stresses* the need for all organizations of the United Nations development system to implement their global, regional and country-level activities in accordance with their mandates and the priorities of the recipient countries, urges their governing bodies to ensure that the activities, responsibilities and operational strategies of each fund and programme are consistent with their mandates and the overall policy guidance set forth by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and to report on these issues within the context of the annual reports submitted to the Council, and requests the Secretary-General to include an assessment of these issues in the report on the triennial comprehensive policy review prepared for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly;

"75. *Requests* that the United Nations Development Programme conduct full consultation with the Member States prior to issuing global and regional flagship reports, in accordance with, inter alia, the principles contained in resolution 57/264;

"VIII. Regional dimensions

"76. *Calls upon* the organizations of the United Nations development system, its regional commissions and other regional and subregional entities, as appropriate and consistent with their mandates, to intensify their cooperation and adopt more collaborative approaches to support country-level development initiatives at the request of recipient countries, in particular through closer collaboration within the resident coordinator system and by improving mechanisms for access to the technical capacities of the United Nations system at the regional and subregional levels;

"77. *Invites* the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations development system to give greater and more systematic consideration to the regional and subregional dimensions of development cooperation and to promote measures for more intensive inter-agency collaboration at the regional and subregional levels, facilitating inter-country exchanges of experience and promoting both intraregional and interregional cooperation, as appropriate;

"78. *Encourages* development agencies of the United Nations system to seek to maximize the opportunity to address development challenges on a regional or subregional basis, where appropriate, recognizing the important contribution of regional cooperation to national and regional development;

"IX. South-South cooperation and development of national capacities

"79. *Welcomes* the growing importance of South-South cooperation and its adoption as a driver of development effectiveness within the multi-year funding framework of the United Nations Development Programme;

"80. *Urges* organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to mainstream, in their programmes and through their country-level activities and country offices, modalities to support South-South cooperation that would promote identification and dissemination of best practices, promote indigenous knowledge, know-how and technology in the South and facilitate networking among experts and institutions in developing countries;

"81. *Invites* Member States and the organizations of the United Nations development system to celebrate the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation in a befitting and comprehensive manner every year;

"82. *Emphasizes* the need to mobilize additional resources for enhancing South-South cooperation, including from both the United Nations system and donors, and through triangular cooperation;

"83. *Urges* all the Member States and the organizations of the United Nations development system to actively participate in the High-Level Committee on the Review of South-South Cooperation with a view to formulating and reviewing the strategies as well as sharing information and their experience;

"84. *Encourages*, in this regard, United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies as well as centres of excellence in the South to contribute to the periodic updating of the Web of Information for Development electronic databank operated by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation of the United Nations Development Programme in coordination with governments, allowing for the wide diffusion of and access to the information contained therein, including experiences, best practices and potential partners in South-South cooperation;

"85. *Highlights* the fact that, in spite of progress achieved in this area, further efforts are required to better understand the approaches and potential of South-South cooperation to enhance development effectiveness, including through national capacity development, and in this context calls upon all the organizations of the system to further enhance their support for national capacity development in the context of South-South cooperation;

"X. Gender

"86. *Calls upon* all organizations of the United Nations system, within their organizational mandates, to mainstream gender and to pursue gender equality in their country programmes, planning instruments and sector-wide programmes and to articulate specific country-level goals and targets in this field in accordance with the national development strategies;

"87. *Urges* all organizations of the system to collaborate with the resident coordinator system to provide gender specialist resources in support of gender mainstreaming in country-level activities in all sectors where they operate, working closely with relevant national counterparts in generating the gender disagregated, quantitative and qualitative information required to produce better analysis of gender-related issues of development;

"88. *Requests* all entities of the United Nations system to enhance the effectiveness of gender specialist resources, gender focal points and gender

theme groups, by establishing clear mandates; by ensuring adequate training, access to information and to adequate and stable resources; and by increasing the support and participation of senior staff;

"89. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system to avail itself of the technical experience of the United Nations Development Fund for Women on gender issues;

"90. *Encourages* the continuing efforts to achieve gender balance in appointments within the United Nations system at the headquarters and country levels in positions that affect operational activities, including resident coordinator appointments, with due regard to representation of women from developing countries and keeping in mind the principle of equitable geographic representation;

"91. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the annual report on resident coordinators includes adequate and concise information on progress on the above;

"XI. Transition from relief to development

"92. *Takes note* of the ongoing work within the United Nations on the complex issue of transition from relief to development;

"93. *Recognizes* that the United Nations development system has a vital role to play in situations of transition from relief to development;

"94. *Requests* the organizations of the system to strengthen interdepartmental and inter-agency coordination to ensure an integrated, coherent and coordinated approach to assistance at the country level, which takes account of the complexity of challenges that countries in those circumstances face and the country-specific character of those challenges;

"95. *Recognizes* in this regard the important role that the effective resident coordinator/humanitarian coordinator system can play in the situations of transition from relief to development;

"96. *Stresses* in this regard the need for such transitional activities to be undertaken under national ownership through the development of national capacities at all levels to manage the transition process;

"97. *Recognizes* the benefits of sharing experience and expertise, and encourages the development of South-South cooperation modalities, including triangular cooperation modalities, to assist the transition from relief to development through, inter alia, the use of information technologies and knowledge management systems, as well as exchange of expertise to enable countries in that situation to benefit from the experience of other developing countries;

"98. *Urges* the donor countries and other countries in a position to do so to consider more coordinated and flexible approaches to funding operational activities for development in situations of transition from relief to development, making use of multiple resource mobilization instruments, and stresses that contributions to humanitarian assistance should not be provided at the expense of development assistance and that sufficient resources for

humanitarian assistance should be made available by the international community;

"99. *Urges* United Nations agencies and the donor community, in coordination with the national authorities, to begin planning the transition to development and taking measures supportive of that transition, such as institutional and capacity-building, from the beginning of the relief phase;

"XII. Follow-up

"100. *Reaffirms* that the governing bodies of the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system should take appropriate actions for the full implementation of the present resolution, in line with paragraphs 91 and 92 of resolution 56/201;

"101. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 2005, on an appropriate management process, containing clear guidelines, targets, benchmarks and time frames for the full implementation of the present resolution;

"102. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, during the operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2006, to examine the operational activities of the United Nations system in order to evaluate the implementation of the present resolution with a view to ensuring its full implementation;

"103. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive analysis of the implementation of the present resolution in the context of the triennial policy review, including, inter alia, by making use of relevant documentation, and to make appropriate recommendations."

B. Draft decision

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

The General Assembly takes note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.[12]

[12] A/59/135 and Corr.1.